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AMEMBASSY LINLONGWE

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SUBJECT:

OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA IN TANZANIA: ZANZIBAR

REF: A. ZANZIBAR 70, B. ZANZIBAR 54, C. DAR ES SALAAM 1659

AND PREVIOUS

1. ZANZIBAR GOVERNMENT BEGAN PHASED LIFTING OF QUARANTINE
MAY 25. FIRST PHASE INVOLVED: COMMERCIAL AIR TRAVEL PERMITTED,
SHIPS ALLOWED TO COME AND GO, BUT NO DHOWS (LOCAL BOATS) ALLOWED
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TO SAIL WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM MIN. OF HEALTH, PEOPLE
CAN VISIT SICK PEOPLE IN THE HOSPITAL, BARS, RESTAURANTS AND
HOTELS WILL BE ALLOWED TO OPEN FOR REGULAR BUSINESS IF THEY PASS
INSPECTION (PROBABLY NONE WILL OPEN FOR AT LEAST A WEEK).

2. THE SECOND PHASE, ALSO IMPLEMENTED MAY 25, WAS THE LIFTING
OF THE RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND COUNTRYSIDE.

NORMAL MOVEMENT CAN NOW RESUME.

3. BEFORE SCHOOLS WILL BE PERMITTED TO OPEN, THEY MUST PASS INSPECTION. THE MIN. OF HEALTH FEELS IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO OPEN FORMS 4, 5, 6 (ALL IN ZANZIBAR TOWN) IN ABOUT A WEEK, BUT IT WILL TAKE LONGER FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS, MANY OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, BECAUSE THEIR TOILETS ARE IN SUCH BAD SHAPE. THE THREE MOVIE HOUSES IN ZANZIBAR TOWN MUST INSTALL MORE TOILETS BEFORE THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO OPEN.

4 SHANTY HOUSES IN ZANZIBAR TOWN LOCATED IN OR NEAR SWAMPY AREAS ARE TO BE TORN DOWN AND THE PEOPLE MOVED TO BETTER-BUILT HOUSING IN HEALTHIER AREAS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT PERHAPS 200 HOUSES WILL BE DESTROYED.

5. DIRECT TRAVEL BETWEEN ZANZIBAR AND PEMBA ISLANDS CONTINUES TO BE PROHIBITED. NO CHOLERA HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED ON PEMBA TO DATE, BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SENT A MEDICAL TEAM THERE FROM ZANZIBAR IN CASE CHOLERA APPEARS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE PEOPLE OF PEMBA ARE BEING VACCINATED AGAINST CHOLERA. DIRECT TRAVEL BETWEEN ZANZIBAR AND PEMBA MAY BE ALLOWED IN A MONTHS TIME.

6. THE PRESENT FOOD SHORTAGE IN ZANZIBAR TOWN SHOULD BE ALLEVIATED AS NORMAL COMMERCE RESUMES BETWEEN THE TOWN AND COUNTRY, AND AS THE GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTES THE RICE PRESENTLY STORED IN WAREHOUSES.

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7. ALTHOUGH PEOPLE CAN NOW BURY THEIR RELATIVES (PREVIOUSLY THE GOVERNMENT WAS DOING SO), LARGE GATHERINGS FOR WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, ETC. ARE STILL PROHIBITED.

8. ACCORDING TO A MINISTRY OF HEALTH OFFICIAL, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM CHOLERA ON ZANZIBAR WAS BETWEEN 70 TO 80.
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